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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0013]

SolarPTL, LLC: Grant of Renewal of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to grant renewal of recognition to SolarPTL, LLC (PTL) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The renewal of recognition becomes effective on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693-2110 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

I. Background

OSHA hereby gives notice that it is granting the renewal of recognition of SolarPTL LLC (PTL) as a NRTL under 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7).

Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification. OSHA maintains an informational webpage for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition available at

<http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

OSHA processes applications submitted by an NRTL for renewal of recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA conducts renewals in accordance with the procedures in 29 CFR 1910.7, App. A II.C. In accordance with these procedures, NRTLs submit a renewal request to OSHA between nine months and one year before the expiration date of the current recognition. A renewal request includes a request for renewal and any additional information demonstrating their continued compliance with the terms of the recognition and 29 CFR 1910.7. If OSHA has not conducted an on-site assessment of the NRTL headquarters and any key sites within the past 18 to 24 months, it will schedule the necessary on-site assessment prior to the expiration date of the NRTL's recognition. Upon review of the submitted material and, as necessary, the successful completion of the on-site assessment, OSHA announces the preliminary decision to grant or deny renewal in the *Federal Register* and solicits comments from the public. OSHA then publishes a final *Federal Register* notice responding to any comments and renewing the NRTL's recognition for a period of five years, or denying the renewal of recognition.

PTL initially received OSHA recognition as a NRTL on March 23, 2011 (76 FR 16452). PTL was previously recognized by OSHA as TUV Rheinland PTL, whose name

was changed following a sale to SolarPTL in October 2018. PTL submitted a timely request for renewal, dated April 2, 2015 (OSHA-2010-0013), and has retained their recognition pending OSHA's final decision in this renewal process. OSHA conducted on-site assessments of PTL on February 18-22, 2016, November 14-15, 2017, and January 30-31, 2019, during which it identified nonconformities with 29 CFR 1910.7. Although PTL worked to resolve these nonconformities, it took several years for PTL to demonstrate compliance with 29 CFR 1910.7. The current address of the PTL facility recognized by OSHA and included as part of the renewal request is: SolarPTL, 1007 West Fairmont Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85252.

OSHA evaluated PTL's application for renewal and made a preliminary determination that PTL can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for recognition.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing PTL's renewal application in the *Federal Register* on February 3, 2021 (86 FR 8042). The agency requested comments by February 18, 2021, and received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final notice to renew PTL's NRTL recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the PTL application, go to www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office. Docket No. OSHA-2010-0013 contains all materials in the record concerning PTL's NRTL recognition. **Please note:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public at this time but can be contacted at (202) 693-2350.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA hereby gives notice of the renewal of recognition of PTL as a NRTL. OSHA examined PTL's renewal application and all pertinent information related to PTL's request for renewal of NRTL recognition. Based on this review of the renewal request and other pertinent information, OSHA finds that PTL meets the requirements of 29 CFR

1910.7 for renewal of recognition as a NRTL, subject to the specified limitation and conditions. OSHA limits the renewal of PTL's recognition to include the terms and conditions of PTL's recognition found in 76 FR 16452. The NRTL scope of recognition for PTL is also available on the OSHA website at:

<https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/ptl.html>. This renewal extends PTL's recognition as a NRTL for a period of five years from [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, PTL must abide by the following conditions of recognition:

1. PTL must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in their operations as a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);
2. PTL must agree to increased OSHA oversight of their operations including:
 - (a) More frequent on-site assessments of PTL facilities; and
 - (b) PTL shall continue to provide OSHA with written notification of any new or revised NRTL certificates that it issues, within 7 calendar days of issuing the certification. This notification shall include:
 - i) Name and address of the applicant;
 - ii) Model number(s) for the certified products;
 - iii) PTL Certification number;
 - iv) PTL Project number;
 - v) Name(s) of PTL staff involved with the project; and
 - vi) Location where the product evaluation and testing took place.
3. Upon request, PTL must provide copies of the test data, certification report and other related information for new or revised certifications to OSHA.

4. PTL must meet all the terms of their recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
5. PTL must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on PTL's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby renews the recognition of PTL as a NRTL.

III. Authority and Signature

Amanda L. Edens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2)), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393, Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 18, 2021.

James S. Frederick,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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